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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 24, 2004

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. X Consider the unentered amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on April 23, 2004.

2. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .

3. X Enclosed is/are

 Amendment (including transmittal)/Reply.

 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).

 Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

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X Other (identify):

Petition For Extension Of Time, including a check in the amount of \$110.00 for the one-month extension fee.

4. Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 is claimed.

 A verified statement to establish small entity status is enclosed.

 A verified statement to establish small entity status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired.

5. X A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.

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6. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

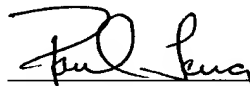
 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

 Any extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17).

 X Other fees (identify): any other required fees.

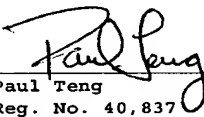
7. X Three copies of this transmittal are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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